

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 10/28/05 . The drawings of 1/23/2004 are acceptable for examination purposes.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-7,9-11,13 and 14.

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Hochberg on 1/20/2006.

The application has been amended as follows: at line 4 of claim 11 change "carriage" to "carriages"; at line 5 of claim 11 after "a tilting arm supported on" delete "the respective" insert – a respective one of --; at line 26 of claim 11 delete "conveyance carriage" and insert – respective one of the conveyance carriages; at line 5 of claim 13 after "an angle adjusting passive section located on the" insert – respective one of the -- ; at line 5 of claim 13 change "carriage" to "carriages"; at line 13 of claim 13 change both occurrences of the term "conveyance carriage" to "respective one of the conveyance carriages"; at line 5 of claim 14 after "an operating arm supported operably in a downward direction on" insert – a respective one of --; at line 13 of claim 14 after "a drive section separated from the" delete "movable body" and insert – respective one of the movable bodies --; at line 15 of claim 14 after "passive section provided on the" delete "movable body" and insert – respective one of the movable bodies --; at line 20 and at line 21 of claim 14 delete "movable body" and insert – respective one of the movable bodies --; at line 5 of claim 3 after "an operating arm supported operably in a downward direction on" insert – a respective one of --; at line 14 and at line 15 of claim

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3 delete "movable body" and insert – respective one of the movable bodies --; at line 4 of claim 6 delete "movable body" and insert – respective one of the movable bodies --; at line 4, at line 9 and at line 10 of claim 7 delete "movable body" and insert – respective one of the movable bodies --; at line 3 of claim 10 after "conveyance drive device" delete "for the movable body,".

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Brenda A. Lamb at telephone number (571) 272-1231. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Wednesday thru Friday with alternate Tuesdays off.

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